

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 5, 11 and 14 are amended as set forth hereinafter.

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) A carburetor arrangement for an internal combustion engine driving a work apparatus, the carburetor arrangement comprising:

a carburetor;

5 an intake channel defining a longitudinal axis and being formed in said carburetor and having an end facing away from said engine;

said intake channel having an intake opening at said end;

10 a baffle wall at least partially covering said intake opening;

said baffle wall being mounted transversely to said longitudinal axis and being disposed at a distance from said intake opening;

15 said baffle wall delimiting a baffle enclosure disposed between said baffle wall and said intake opening;

said baffle enclosure having an inflow opening for combustion air and said inflow opening lying rotated by approximately 90° to said intake opening;

20 said inflow opening having an edge lying away from said intake opening; and,

a protective wall provided at said edge and said protective wall extending partially over said baffle enclosure.

2. (Original) The carburetor arrangement of claim 1, wherein said inflow opening defines a plane and said protective wall extends substantially in said plane.

3. (Previously Presented) The carburetor arrangement of claim 1, wherein said baffle wall has a first component part defining an edge facing toward said intake opening; said intake opening defines a plane; and, said protective wall has
5 a free end section lying closer to said plane of said intake opening than said edge of said first component part of said baffle wall.

4. (Original) The carburetor arrangement of claim 1, wherein said protective wall has a free end section bent over into said baffle enclosure in a direction toward said intake opening.

5. (Currently Amended) The carburetor arrangement of claim 1, wherein said baffle wall has at least a first component part ~~so~~ inclined into said baffle enclosure at an angle (γ_1) referred to said longitudinal axis.

6. (Original) The carburetor arrangement of claim 5, wherein said angle (γ_1) is so selected that fuel droplets, which exit from said intake channel and impinge on said first component part, form a film of fuel.

7. (Original) The carburetor arrangement of claim 1, wherein said baffle wall has a lower edge and said intake channel has a lower edge at said intake opening; said work apparatus has a usual work position and said carburetor arrangement further

5 comprises an end wall lying downwardly in said work position referred to a direction defined by gravity force; and, said end wall connects said lower edge of said baffle wall to said lower edge of said intake opening.

8. (Original) The carburetor arrangement of claim 7, wherein said baffle wall and said end wall extend one into the other over a rounded transition.

9. (Original) The carburetor arrangement of claim 7, wherein said end wall extends uniformly into a channel wall of said intake channel.

10. (Original) The carburetor arrangement of claim 9, wherein said end wall extends linearly into said intake channel.

11. (Currently Amended) The carburetor arrangement of claim 7, wherein said baffle enclosure includes two side walls; and, said side walls, said baffle wall and said end wall conjointly ~~defining~~ define said baffle enclosure having an inflow opening lying opposite said end wall.

12. (Original) The carburetor arrangement of claim 5, wherein said baffle wall has a second component part inclined at an inclination angle (γ_2) with respect to said longitudinal axis which is so inclined that the cross section of said baffle enclosure expands from said longitudinal axis in a direction toward said inflow opening.

13. (Original) The carburetor arrangement of claim 12, wherein said first component part and said second component

part define an edge facing toward said intake opening whereat said second component part joins said first component part.

14. (Currently Amended) The carburetor arrangement of claim 12, wherein the inclination angles (γ_1 , γ_2) of each one of said first and second component parts ~~is~~ are equal to or less than approximately 70° .